

## **Yucaipa Launches Anonymous Crime Reporting Tool**

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(Yucaipa, CA) – Yucaipa residents now have a safe, convenient, and anonymous way to report crime. The City of Yucaipa launched WeTip, an anonymous crime reporting system, on its website and mobile app to allow residents to report crime and share information with law enforcement.

"In my professional career as a law enforcement officer, all too often, I hear individuals say they were uncomfortable or didn't feel like it was necessary to call law enforcement when a crime or injustice occurred," said Mayor Justin Beaver. "My hope is that the citizens of Yucaipa will embrace the WeTip system as an opportunity to not only report criminal activity, but also see it as an opportunity to enhance and strengthen our community's safety, while keeping in mind a tip is just that. Our professional investigators will look into the tips to determine if a crime is indeed taking place. If you suspect crime or injustice taking place, make the tip, point our deputies in the right direction. See something, say something."

WeTip was founded in 1972 to aid law enforcement and provide a convenient and anonymous reporting tool to citizens. Due to the anonymous nature of the WeTip reporting system, law enforcement has found it to be an effective tool to gather tips for open investigations and assist in crime mitigation and deterrence. Since its inception, WeTip has helped reduce crime in communities utilizing it by generating more than 1.2 million crimes reported and leading to 16,000 arrests and 8,000 convictions.

"The use of WeTip system gives Yucaipa residents the confidence to report criminal activity in their neighborhoods while remaining anonymous," said Lt. Steve Scovel. "The Yucaipa Police Department fully supports the use of this application in our community."

The WeTip link is located at the bottom of the home page on the City's website. On the mobile app, click on the "Government" tab and the link is located at the bottom of the page. This link will take you to the WeTip anonymous report site. Click on the "Yucaipa Substation" tab and you will be able to begin the anonymous reporting process.

Remember in the event of a life-threatening emergency please call 9-1-1.